

REMARKS

Claims 1-3, 5-11, 13-19, 21-26, 28-34, 36-42, 45-49 and 52-53 are pending. Claims 1, 45, and 52 are amended.

In the Final Office Action, the Examiner rejected claims 45, 46, 52 and 53 under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite. The Examiner further indicated that claim 1 was not properly amended.

The Examiner allowed claims 1-3, 5-11, 13-19, 21-26, 28-34, 36-42 and 47-49.

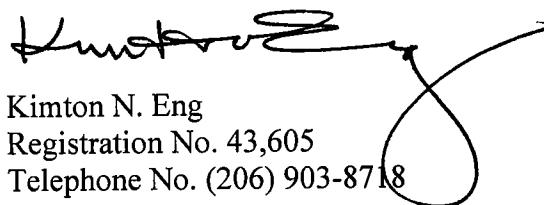
With respect to the Examiner's rejection of claims 45, 46, 52, and 53, claims 45 and 52 have been amended to correct the claim dependency. Therefore, the Examiner's rejection of these claims under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, should be withdrawn.

With respect to the Examiner objection to claim 1, claim 1 has been properly amended by amending the preamble, "An output buffers, comprising:" as issued in U.S. Patent No. 5,983, 314 to "An output buffer[s], comprising:". Consequently, the Examiner's objection should be withdrawn.

All of the claims in the application are allowable. Favorable consideration and a timely Notice of Allowance are earnestly solicited.

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